

2009 Annual Black History Theme

Celebrating the NAACP Centennial

*The Quest* for Black Citizenship in the Americas

*Ida B. Wells*

*Rosa Parks*

BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS

<b>FEBRUARY 6TH</b> <b>GAME NIGHT</b> <b>COLUMBUS CLUB</b> <b>1800 - 2300</b> <b>(AGE 18 AND OVER)</b> <b>FREE</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 9TH</b> <b>BLACK HISTORY LUNCHEON</b> <b>COLUMBUS CLUB</b> <b>1100 - 1230</b> <b>\$9 MEMBERS</b> <b>\$11 NON-MEMBERS</b>
<b>For more info, contact Sgt Hayes at Ext.2226 or AAMC Member</b>	
<b>FEBRUARY 12TH</b> <b>FOOD TASTING</b> <b>CHAPEL</b> <b>1100 - 1300</b> <b>FREE</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 28TH</b> <b>FAMILY BOWLING</b> <b>BOWLING CENTER</b> <b>1500 - 1800</b> <b>FREE</b>
<b>For Tickets and/or Masks, contact Tynisa Eleby at Ext. 2337</b>	
<b>EVERY WEDNESDAY</b> <b>BOOK READING</b> <b>BASE LIBRARY</b> <b>1000 - 1030</b>	<b>EVERY THURSDAY</b> <b>YOUTH CLASSES</b> <b>YOUTH CENTER</b> <b>1530 - 1730</b>



Masquerade Party

FEBRUARY 20

COLUMBUS CLUB

7 PM

COST: \$10/PERSON


MASKS AVAILABLE


(\$2 - \$5)


Enjoy Great Food,  
Fun, & Entertainment!


Childcare Available

Weather

Today  
High: 65, Low: 38  
Sunny

Saturday  
High: 39, Low: 45  
Sunny

Sunday  
High: 70, Low: 45  
Partly Cloudy

Monday  
High: 69, Low: 51  
30% chance of rain

News Briefs

**09-13 Track Select**  
Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training class 09-13 will hold a track select ceremony Feb. 11 at 5 p.m. at the Columbus Club.

**SUPT 09-05 Graduation**  
Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training class 09-05 will graduate in a ceremony held at Kaye Auditorium Feb. 13 at 10 a.m. Colonel Jeff Dunn, 14th Flying Training Wing vice commander, will be the guest speaker.

**Columbus AFB Blood Drive**  
There will be a blood drive sponsored by the 14th Medical Group and Mississippi Blood Services Feb. 13 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Chapel. Because it is a Friday before a three-day weekend, pilots will be able to donate and receive the required 72 hours of rest prior to resuming flying, as mandated by AFI 48-123. Donations are greatly needed and appreciated and all donors will receive a free t-Shirt. For more information or if you would like to schedule a time please contact 2nd Lt. Adam Irvin at 434-2123 or 2nd Lt. Janelle West at 434-2676.

Inside



Feature 8

The sports banquet recognizing all 2008 intramural teams is highlighted in this week's feature.



U.S. Air Force photo  
New Base Community Council Board members Steve Rogers, WCBI-TV, Robert Green, Mississippi State University, Gary Bouse, Mississippi University for Women, Leslie Roby, PACCAR, Nick Ardillo, Neel-Schaffer, Dr. Ron Powell, West Point, join BCC President Greg Stewart after the luncheon Friday at the Columbus Club.

## CAFB hosts Base Community Council

**Sonic Johnson**  
14th Flying Training Wing, Chief of Public Affairs

Columbus AFB leaders hosted the Base Community Council for their first meeting in 2009 Friday at the Columbus Club. Colonel Roger Watkins, 14th Flying Training Wing commander was the featured speaker for 75 members in attendance.

In a brief business meeting before lunch, BCC President, Greg Stewart presented a check to the local Daedalians flight for \$950. The money will be used for a scholarship fund for the children of Columbus AFB pilots Maj. Blair Faulkner and 2nd Lt. Matthew Emmons who were fatally injured when their T-38 crashed in April. Stewart also pre-

sented \$2,500 to the widows of the two pilots accepted by the Public Affairs officer. The funds were collected for the Faulkner and Emmons families from the Columbus community last summer during a memorial campaign.

BCC members also approved an updated constitution and approved six board members. Representing Lowndes County, Steve Rogers, WCBI, Dr. Gary Bouse, Mississippi University for Women, Leslie Roby, PACCAR, and Col. (retired) Nick Ardillo, Neel-Schafer. Dr. Ron Powell, West Point Physician will represent Clay County and CDR (USNR) Robert Green, Mississippi State University Chairman of the Starkville Military Affairs Committee, will represent Oktibbeha County. One of the constitution

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Columbus AFB Training Timeline															
Phase II				Phase III				IFF				Wing Sortie Board			
Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
37th (09-14)	7.58 day	0.31 days	Mar. 10	48th (09-05)	3.49 days	0.04 days	Feb. 13	49th (09-DB)	-3.80 days	-2.14 days	Feb. 6	T-6	408	434	9,494
41st (09-13)	3.20 days	-6.23 days	Feb. 11	50th (09-06)	1.96 days	0.33 days	Mar. 13					T-1	146	165	3,703
												T-38	121	139	2,815
												IFF	42	49	1,012



## 2008 Sports Banquet

The Fitness Center is holding a Sports Banquet Feb 9, for all 2008 intramural sports teams Feb. 9 at the Columbus Club to recognize the individual spirit each squadron holds.



Courtesy photo  
Competing in a league of eight teams for 10 weeks, the 14th Wing Staff Agency stayed in first place every week to win the 2008 Intramural Bowling Championship.



Courtesy photo  
With only one loss during the regular season, the 14th Civil Engineer Squadron won the 2008 Intramural Flag Football Championship. The team avenged its only regular season loss by dominating Team RAPCON in the championship game with a score of 25-0.



Courtesy photo  
Coming into the tournament as underdogs, the 14th Medical Group defeated the second seed team in an upset game, rallying to win the 2008 Intramural Basketball Championship.



Courtesy photo  
After launching a successful comeback to fight its way out of the loser's bracket, the 14th Operations Support Squadron won the 2008 Intramural Volleyball Championship.



Courtesy photo  
With consistently low scores among a field of 10 teams during the season, the 14th Civil Engineer Squadron faced tough tournament play to win the 2008 Intramural Golf Championship.



Courtesy photo  
The 14th Civil Engineer Squadron dominated the field, losing only one regular season game, to win the 2008 Intramural Softball Championship.



# March madness hits the Air Force

**Pam Wickham**  
14thForce Support Squadron

The excitement of the National Collegiate Athletic Final Four Basketball Tournament hits bases around the world as people vie for top spots in the Air Force's March Madness online bracket tournament promotion.

Beginning Feb. 13, you can pick up a game piece at the Bowling Center, golf course or the Columbus Club (no purchase required) and register online using the code on the game piece. Only one game piece can be issued per day per person. Then on March 15, you can fill in your tournament bracket selections. Up to 10 brackets may be played. Picks can be made and changed, but final picks for all rounds must be submitted by 7 a.m., March 19. Participants must be 18 years or older to participate.

Picking the winning team in each game of the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament accumulates points. The tournament is single elimination, only the winning team advances

to the next round. The competition begins with 64 teams; half are eliminated during each round.

The first place prize is a trip for four to the 2010 Final Four Game for three days and two nights, with hotel, air travel, car rental, game tickets and \$1,000 in spending money which is sponsored in part by Coca Cola. The second place winner receives \$5,000, third place is \$2,500, fourth place is \$1,000 and five subsequent winners will win a Coca Cola NCAA Pop-A-Shot arcade home-style basketball game.

"Every year basketball fans wait for the tradition, the excitement, and the upsets which accompany the NCAA tournament," said Nic Roos, community service flight chief. "We are thrilled to be able to take part in this Air Force program and offering a fun and competitive activity."

For more information, contact the 14th Force Support Squadron marketing office at 434-2337.



U.S Air Force photo by Pam Wickham

**Technical Sgt. Heather Deckley, 14th Force Support Squadron, takes a spin at the wheel at the Spirit Night Thursday at the Columbus Club's club membership drive kick-off.**

# Base families offered variety of recreation choices

## Parents Time Out

The Child Development Center is offering this new program from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays starting Jan. 8.The program is open to ages 1 to 3 and fees are based on total family income. For more information, call 434-2479.

## New Outdoor Recreation Hours of Operation

Effective immediately, Outdoor Recreation's new hours of operation are: Monday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. They are closed Tuesday and Wednesday. Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 434-2507.

## Sweetheart No Tap Bowling Tournament, Steak Dinner

The Strike Zone Bowling Center is offering a tournament starting at 7 p.m. Feb. 14. You must register by Feb. 12 at the Bowling Center. Cost is \$30 per couple and includes rib eye steak dinner with fries, salad and a drink, bowling, free shoe rental and door prizes. For more information, call 434-3426.

## Monte Carlo Night Rescheduled

The Columbus Club has rescheduled Monte Carlo night for March 21. Please make that change to your calendar. Reservations will be required by March 17. The Landings at Columbus is providing free hors d'oeuvres from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. and will provide a gift certificate for free admis-

sion to all base housing residents. More than \$1,000 in prizes will be auctioned during the blind auction at the end of the night. For more information, call 434-2490.

## Crafts Classes

The Arts and Crafts Center offers classes for youth and adults every Thursday at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. A display of class projects is available in the Arts and Crafts center lobby. For more information, call 434-7836.

## Adult, Youth Crafts Classes

The Arts and Crafts Center offers classes for youth and adult every Thursday at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. A display of class projects is available in the lobby. Upcoming classes include making a wooden "freedom" sign, a valentine card pouch for kids, a heart wall hanging for adults, a snowman message board for the kids, a mini scrapbook for the adults, a frog shelf sitter for the kids and a welcome sign for the adults. Kids' crafts classes are \$5 each and adult classes range from \$8 to \$10 depending on the class. The kids' crafts can be purchased "to go" for just \$3. Parents provide the glue, markers and scissors. For more information, call 434-7836.

## Lunch Take Out Service

The Columbus Club offers a lunch take out service Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call-ins begin at 10:30 a.m. Items available are pizza, Philly cheese steak with fries, roast beef and Swiss sandwich, "Happy" burger with fries, chef salad, chicken Caesar salad, taco salad and more. They also offer a daily blue plate special. Call 434-2419 to place an order to ask

about their blue plate special.

## Cosmic Bowling

Strike Zone Lanes offers cosmic bowling every Friday and Saturday night from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. A night filled with black lights, loud music, strobe lights and bowling. Cost is \$2 per game. For more information, call 434-2426.

## Disney Summer Trip

The Information, Ticket and Travel Office offers a trip to Disney World in Orlando, Fla., July 19 to July 25. The bus tour price per seat is \$147 per person round trip and includes shuttle to and from Disney World for five days. The hotel is the Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort in Lake Buena Vista and each room has two queen beds and will sleep four to six people. Price for the week per family is \$675. The military member receives a free five day hopper with water park pass while each companion ticket up to 60 percent off. There are only 30 seats available on the bus. A layaway plan is available. For more information, call 434-2507.

## Paintball Grand Opening

Mark your calendars for the paintball field grand open at 9 a.m. March 14. More to follow. For more information, call 434-2507.

## White Water Rafting Trip

The outdoor adventure program offers this trip May 29 through May 31 but the deadline to register is March 13 at Outdoor Recreation. Cost is \$160 per person and includes transportation and meals on Saturday and rafting the middle river

on the Ocoee. For more information, call 434-7861.

## Blaze Lunch Bunch

at the Columbus Club

**Every Wednesday During Lunch**

All plates come with one meat, two sides, roll or hushpuppies, tea or water

\$6.25 for club members  
\$7.25 for nonmembers

**This week's menu:**  
**Meat choices:**  
Fried Chicken, Grilled Pork Chop & Chili Topped with Corn Chips

**Sides:**  
Macaroni & Cheese, Baked Sweet Potatoes, Turnip Greens, Green Beans & Side Salad with Ranch Dressing

For More Information, Call Ext. 2490

**Lunch Bunch Special - \$6.95**  
Ham, turkey, roast beef and cheese in a flour tortilla wrap served with French fries and a pickle spear

**Desserts:**  
\$2.95 each  
New York Cheesecake with Strawberry Topping  
Brownie Ala Mode  
Sugar Free Coconut Cream Pie

# AFRICOM: a different kind of command

**Capt. Derrick Hodges**  
14th Operations Support Squadron

There are few people in life who can say "I was there when." I can proudly say I was there when United States Africa Command became an independent Unified Combatant Command. It was a cold morning at Kelley Barracks in Stuttgart, Germany, with the sun rising over the horizon and the morning dew glistening as the day began. As I walked to the parade field with fellow Airmen, Marines, Sailors, Soldiers, and members of the U.S. Coast Guard; I think we all knew we were about to take part in history.

October 1, 2008, AFRICOM gained independent Unified Combatant Command status making it the tenth United States UCC and sixth geographical combatant command. In February 2007, President Bush and Defense Secretary Robert Gates acknowledged the emerging strategic importance of Africa and announced the creation of United AFRICOM. The designers of AFRICOM clearly understood the relationships between security, development, diplomacy and prosperity in Africa. As a result, AFRICOM reflects a much more integrated staff structure; one that includes significant management and staff representation

by the Department of State, U.S. Agency for International Development, and other U.S. government agencies involved in Africa.

The designers of AFRICOM were given a year to establish a fully capable and operational command; however, it was evident when I arrived the wheels were still being attached to the vehicle. Like most people, I had no idea AFRICOM was being established. I was blessed with the opportunity to augment a position for Headquarters AFRICOM working for the J2 or Intelligence, Knowledge, and Development Directorate. As a young aviator, I had no prior experience working with military

intelligence but quickly learned and established the position of Foreign Disclosure Officer. My primary responsibility was to ensure classified military intelligence was sanitized and properly shared with our North Atlantic Treaty Organization allies. Ensuring the safety of our military intelligence was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. Having taken part in standing up a United States Combatant Command was priceless. Partnerships, security, stability, reliability, and hope are the key principles which characterize AFRICOM, "a different kind of command."

## Letters from Iraq: outside the wire

**Lt. Col. Greg Laffitte**  
887th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron

*After walking for less than 10 minutes, I was greeted by a crowd of school-aged boys who seemed like they had finally met up with a long-lost friend. I could scarcely believe the reception I was being given.*

your "nugget" if you hit your cranium while not wearing your helmet. Standing over 6 feet tall, I have to be really careful not to bang my head, especially while exiting the truck. Once strapped in, you put your headset on and make sure your "comm" is good to go. It never ceases to amaze me how a group of Airmen can so quickly turn a mundane subject into a hilarious comedy. There had been some talk about stopping at a local roadside vendor and trying out the menu. As the onboard medic, I voiced my concerns and within minutes the troops' conversation "bottomed" out, if you get my drift.

We arrived at our village and exited the truck. My first walk down an Iraqi street was not exactly what I had expected. Off to my left was a pile of debris where at least six puppies were nursing from their mother. Off to my right was a medium sized dog that apparently was having a bad day and liked to show his teeth.

After walking for less than 10 minutes, I was greeted by a crowd of school-aged boys who seemed like they had finally met up with a long-lost friend. I could scarcely believe the reception I was being given.

These children wanted to shake my hand and in broken English told me, "America No. 1!"

We conducted our business then made our way to the

Visit [www. columbus.af.mil](http://www.columbus.af.mil) to learn about Columbus AFB agencies and other important information.



Base News

**Education Counseling Hours**  
Education counseling (CCAF, Bachelor's/Master's programs, Tuition Assistance, etc.) is now available Mondays and Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only. Please contact Edward Hodge at 434-2562 to schedule.

**Tax Services**  
H&R Block will be providing tax preparation services January 2, 2009 through April 15, 2009. They will be located in the Columbus AFB Exchange Please call Tom Darnell at 434-0070 for more information or to set up an appointment as hours will vary.

**DRMO**  
Authorized personnel may retrieve property that is marked for DRMO Facilities only if they are still physically located in Base Supply. For more information, call 434-7233 to review the property or call Stock Control Section at 434-7179 or 434-7198. To check for authorization and Demand Processing Section, call 434-7178 to order the property. All other DRMO processing is done via the Web at [www.drms.dla.mil](http://www.drms.dla.mil).

**Zero Overpricing Program-Incentive Awards**  
Overpricing is an issue everyone should be working. All personnel are encouraged to participate, and will be rewarded for any tangible savings resulting from their price challenge. Monetary awards will be given in accordance with AFI 38-401, The Air Force Innovative Development Employee Awareness Program. Advice and guidance are available by calling the Customer Service element of Base Supply, located in Building 158, at 434-7178.

**Contemporary Movie Showings**  
Join us at the Columbus AFB Chapel the last Thursday of each month from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for fun, food and fellowship, as we watch a contemporary movie, have dinner and discuss what God has planned for us. Please call the chapel at 434-2500 to sign-up. There is no fee for this class. There is no childcare available.  
Schedule as follows:  
Steel Magnolia: Feb. 26  
Little Women: March 26  
Sense and Sensibility: April 30

**Weight Loss with Wisdom**  
It's time to make that New Year's resolution to get those unwanted pounds off for good, but who wants to do it alone? Please join us at the Chapel each Thursday 4:30 p.m. for advise, instruction and prayer for our goals. Lose a little weight with some friends. For more information, please call

the Chapel office at 434-2500.

**Supply Customer**  
If you are looking for that special piece of equipment or furniture for your office, your point of contact is the Inspection Section of Base Supply. Inspection maintains the Last Look Area, which has used equipment and furniture turned in from other organizations that no longer have a need for the items. All items in the Last Look Area are available without charge to your organization. For more information, you can contact the Inspection Section at 434-7233 or 434-7234.

**Attention All Deployers**  
The 14th Communications Squadron has a new system which allows you to place "free" telephone calls back home from your deployed location via DSN. You can call every day or once a week; whichever you prefer (allotted time is 3.5 hours a week). Pin numbers are required and can be picked up along with instructions from the Telephone Systems office located in Building 900, Room 9. Please call 434-2020 for additional information.

**Gas Mask Fit Test**  
Gas Mask Fit Testing will now by appointment only. Appointments will be taken Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Exceptions to appointment times will be made for deployers only. For more information, call Bioenvironmental Engineering at 434-2286 or 434-2226.

**Thrift Shop**  
The Thrift Shop is open for consignments of household goods, appliances that are in good working order, furniture and electronics. Please, no computer equipment. Clothing is accepted as donation items only.  
The Thrift Shop is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Consignments are taken up until noon.

**School Liaison Officer**  
The Columbus Air Force Base School Liaison Officer works with local school districts, schools, parents and students on issues related to elementary and secondary education for the children of ALL personnel (civilian, military and contractor) assigned to the installation. As parents of school age children are aware, there are many unique issues our children face as they transition to new schools. The role of the School Liaison Officer is to assist families ensure their children receive the best possible education regardless of where they attend school. For assistance, please contact the School Liaison Officer at 434-2792 or via email at [slo@columbus.af.mil](mailto:slo@columbus.af.mil).

**CAC Card Replacement**  
Members can replace their Common Access Card within 60 days of it expiring. All personnel will need to provide the following at the time of replacement: two

forms of identification, government ("dot" mil or gov) email address, a six to eight digit personal identification number and an application for a CAC, the appropriate application will be provided to appointment is made. Call 434-2626 or 434-2624 to schedule an appointment.

**Testing Hours**  
The Education Office conducts CLEP/DANTES, CDC, PME, etc. testing on Tuesdays and Thursdays promptly at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Students arriving late will be rescheduled. Testing will be conducted outside of this schedule only when verifiable extreme circumstances exist. Please call 434-2562 or 434-2561 to schedule an exam.

Airman and Family Readiness Center

*(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the Airman & Family Readiness Center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call 434-2790 or email [afrc@columbus.af.mil](mailto:afrc@columbus.af.mil).)*

**Pre-Deployment Brief**  
There is a mandatory briefing for active duty personnel who are deploying or going on a remote tour. The brief is held every work day at 9:30 a.m. Spouses are welcome to attend.

**Post-Deployment Brief**  
This mandatory briefing is for active duty personnel who are returning from deployment or a remote tour are held daily at 1:30 p.m. at the A&FRC. For more information, call 434-2790.

**Preseparation Counseling**  
This mandatory briefing for personnel separating or retiring to be completed at least 90 days prior to separation is held daily at 8:30 a.m. May complete up to 12 months prior to separation or retirement. This briefing takes approximately 30 minutes. For more information, call 434-2839 or 434-2790.

**Wing Newcomers Orientation**  
This brief will be held Feb. 10 at 8 a.m. for newly arrived active duty and civilian personnel. Spouses are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 434-2839 or 434-2790.

**Smooth Move Workshop**  
This workshop has valuable information for relocating Feb. 12 at 10 a.m. Learn what to expect from TMO, Housing, Military Pay, Legal, Billeting, TriCare, Medical Records, and the Airman and Family Readiness Center during your move. To register, call 434-2790.

**Lunch, Learn Conflict Resolutions**  
Bring your lunch and learn how to handle conflict resolutions Feb. 13 at 11 a.m.

**Lunch, Learn Communication Training**  
Bring your lunch and learn how to handle the communication training Feb. 20 at 11 a.m.

**Telephone Directories**  
Local AT&T "The Real Yellow Pages"® are available at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. Stop by and pick up your free copy.

**Budgeting Basics**  
This event is held every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to noon at Airman & Family Readiness Center. Learn practical ways to tell your money where to go rather than wonder where it went. For more information, call 434-2790.

**AFAS...Air Force People Helping Each Other**  
Sudden emergency and no cash? It can happen to anyone. Your Air Force Aid Society has assisted Air Force people for 66 years and is there to help you. Call 434-2855 for more information.

**Employment Workshop**  
There is an employment workshop every Wednesday at 1 p.m. Airman and Family Readiness Center. Participants will learn about local and base employment opportunities. For more information, call 434-2790.

**Spouse Welcome**  
A special welcome for new personnel assigned to Columbus AFB is held each Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Magnolia Inn Lobby. For more information, call 434-2790.

Chapel Schedule

**Protestant**  
Sunday: 9 a.m. — Adult Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. — Traditional  
Worship Service (Children's Church)

*All are invited to a fellowship luncheon following the 10:45 a.m. service the fourth Sunday of each month*

**Catholic**  
Thursday  
5 p.m. — Choir Practice

Sunday:  
3:45 p.m. — Choir Practice  
4:30 p.m. — Confession  
5:00 p.m. — Mass

President to meet with senior enlisted advisers

**Gerry J. Gilmore**  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama is scheduled to meet Jan. 30 with the U.S. military's senior enlisted advisers at the White House, a senior Defense Department official said.  
The armed services' enlisted advisers are the senior noncommissioned officers for the Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine Corps. The president also will greet the Coast Guard's top enlisted leader, spokesman Bryan Whitman said.  
President Obama is slated to meet with Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley, Sergeant Major of the Army Kenneth O. Preston, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Rick D. West, Sergeant

Major of the Marine Corps Carlton W. Kent and Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard Charles W. Bowen.  
The senior enlisted leaders serve as personal advisers to their respective civilian service secretaries and military chiefs of staff or commandants on matters concerning enlisted-force welfare, readiness, morale and utilization.  
The meeting is a way for President Obama to gain insight and perspective about the enlisted force through the accumulated experience of the military's most senior enlisted leaders, Mr. Whitman said.  
Just as President Obama met with the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon Jan. 28, Mr. Whitman said, the commander in chief also "feels that it's important to talk" to the armed service's senior enlisted advisers.

Air Guardsmen, Coast Guardsmen train then save together

**Capt. Alyson Teeter**  
129th Rescue Wing Public Affairs

MOFFETT FEDERAL AIRFIELD, Calif. — After wrapping up a day of training with Coast Guardsmen Jan. 29, the aircrew of Jolly 91, an HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter, were ready to head to Moffett Airfield, home to the 129th Rescue Wing.  
The Jolly 91 Airmen were dropping off their rescue brethren, members of the U.S. Coast Guard Maritime Safety and Security Team 91105, at U.S. Coast Guard Air Station San Francisco. Using the Pave Hawk as a platform, Team 91105 had been conducting vertical insertion training, a fast-paced technique used to effectively deploy law enforcement teams to a high-risk situation, onto Coast Guard Island in nearby Alameda, and onto the Coast Guard cutter Tern in the San Francisco Bay.  
Unbeknownst to the crews from the 129th RQW and Coast Guard, they also would be saving a life together that day.  
"We got a call from cutter Tern right after we dropped the Coast Guard crew off at the Air Station San Francisco," said. Capt. Nathan Nowaski, the Jolly 91 aircraft commander. "A Coast Guard C-130 (Hercules) received a mayday call from a pilot who crashed his plane in the ocean near Pillar Point."  
Crewmembers on the Tern, the boat Jolly 91 had recently hovered over during the training mission, requested the helicopter crew fly out to the crash scene.  
"On our way out to the crash, crews from the Tern said that the pilot was sitting on top of the airplane. I then

Air Force celebrates African American History Month

SAN ANTONIO — Each February, the country recognizes African American History Month to highlight the struggles and triumphs of millions of American citizens during some of the most devastating obstacles in the nation's history — slavery, prejudice, poverty — and looks at their contributions to the nation's cultural and political life.  
This has particular interest for those in the American military as for the first time in history, the U.S. armed forces are led by an African-American commander in chief.

On June 1, 1949, Air Force officials published regulations ending segregation, thus becoming the first of all U.S. military service branches to complete integration of African-American personnel into all-white units.  
The first celebration to commemorate the contributions to the nation made by people of African descent occurred Feb. 12, 1926. For many years, the second



U.S. Air Force photo illustration  
**National African American History Month is traditionally celebrated during the month of February. Activities and events are held throughout the month to commemorate the contributions to the nation made by people of African descent.**

week of February was set aside for this celebration to coincide with the birthdays of abolitionist and editor Frederick Douglas, as well as President Abraham Lincoln. In 1976, as part of the nation's bicentennial, the week was expanded into Black History Month. Since then, U.S. presidents proclaim February as National African-American History Month.  
President Barack Obama, the 44th commander in chief, is recognized by the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute in an original artwork available for download. To download the artwork, visit [www.deomi.org](http://www.deomi.org).



U.S. Coast Guard photo/Petty Officer 3rd Class Melissa Hauck  
**During a training exercise Jan. 29, members of the U.S. Coast Guard Maritime Safety and Security Team 91105 descend from an Air Force HH-60G Pave Hawk from the California Air National Guard's 129th Rescue Wing at Moffett Federal Airfield, Calif., onto the Coast Guard cutter Tern in the San Francisco Bay. Crewmembers conducted vertical insertion training, a fast-paced technique used to effectively deploy law enforcement teams to a high-risk situation. Shortly after the training was completed, the 129th RQW and Coast Guard crews rescued a downed pilot near Pillar Point, Calif.**

assumed that the pilot would be alert, so we thought we could drop a rescue strop to the downed pilot," Captain Nowaski said.  
A rescue strop is a strap used to hoist people during helicopter operations.

While Jolly 91 headed to Pillar Point, the Coast Guard C-130 aircrew dropped a life raft, survival suit and flares to the pilot. The pilot managed to swim 50 feet from his sinking aircraft and lift himself into the life raft.  
"When we saw the pilot in the raft, we decided to send down the rescue strop," Captain Nowaski said.  
The pilot managed to put himself in the strop even with the frigid temperatures and was safely hoisted up into Jolly 91.  
The crew headed back to Air Station San Francisco where the man was treated for hypothermia before being transported by ambulance to San Francisco General Hospital. Approximately 30 minutes after being notified about the crash, Jolly 91 was heading back home to Moffett.  
"It's very rare to get a notification like this and have things fall into place so quickly," Captain Nowaski said. "It was pretty cool to be in the right place at the right time and know that you have just saved a life."  
The 129th Rescue Wing and Coast Guard District 11 have worked together in the past on over-water rescue missions, and the day's training mission, coupled with their ability to immediately respond and rescue the downed pilot, defined teamwork.  
"The 129th Rescue Wing remains vigilant to serve when lives are on the line," said Lt. Col. Steve Butow, 129th Operations Group deputy commander. "This latest rescue illustrates our responsiveness and interoperability with other agencies."  
This life saving mission brings the total number of people saved by the 129th RQW to 599.



# January in-flight mishap raises BASH awareness at CAFB

**Maj. John Lindell**  
14th Flying Training Wing Chief of Flight Safety

U.S. Airways flight 1549 successfully landed in the Hudson River Jan. 15 due to an in-flight mishap. Miraculously, no one was seriously injured. Most have heard some account of the accident and of the incredible skill of the pilot, Capt. Chesley “Sully” Sullenberger.

Most have also heard the likely culprit in this mishap wasn’t a terrorist attack or faulty equipment. Preliminary reports are that birds, geese to be exact, caused millions of dollars of damage, and were it not for the skill of Captain Sullenberger, could have cost hundreds of lives. What might be new to most readers is bird strikes are fairly common and a known hazard to flying operations. Also new, was that Captain Sullenberger began his aviation career with the U.S. Air Force here at Columbus AFB in 1975.

The U.S. Air Force spends millions of dollars a year tracking and devising ways of mitigating this hazard. This program is known as the Bird and Wildlife Strike Hazard program. Columbus AFB had its own bird incident Jan. 18, 2007 when a T-38 struck several Mallard ducks which resulted in both engines failing and eventually to two safe ejections and the loss of an Air Force aircraft. This inci-

dent highlighted the importance of a BASH program and it also highlighted the ephemeral relationship pilots share with their avian counterparts. In short, just because we spend a lot of time tracking, researching and mitigating the bird threat, we still cannot guarantee birds will not be a factor in flight operations. Birds simply won’t fly when and where we tell them to.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service’s Wildlife Services program offers consultation and management assistance to assess wildlife conflicts at airports and improve safety by reducing hazards associated with wildlife. Wildlife Services has been an active participant in the Columbus AFB Bird Hazard Working Group since 2003. The methods used by WS to reduce the risk of wildlife strikes to aircraft are based on environmentally sound research, much of which is conducted at WS’s National Wildlife Research Center, the world’s only research center devoted entirely to the development of methods and technology for wildlife damage management. Birds account for roughly 97 percent of all aircraft collisions with wildlife; the remainder is attributed to large mammals (e.g., deer and coyotes) and reptiles (e.g., alligators). More than 700 deer collisions were reported in the United States from 1990 through 2006.

However, we can increase our chances of avoiding bird strikes by following some simple rules. First, be aware of the time of year you are flying. Birds migrate along the Mississippi flyway from mid-September until mid-April. Second, the time of day matters as well. Birds are most active within 45 minutes either before or after sunrise and sunset. Third, check the AHAS and BAM for your flying period. The systems are not perfect but they will give a general bird condition to aid in planning. Lastly, be aware of where you are flying. Bird populations are high near CAFB but expect to see more birds around water and food sources such as catfish ponds and corn fields.

The only way that will guarantee no Air Force losses to birds would be to not fly. That simply is not going to happen. Following the above guidelines will help mitigate but will not guarantee pilots will never hit a bird. Columbus AFB spends an average of more than \$160,000 yearly fixing damage from bird strikes. Obviously, some birds are going to be hit by our airplanes. Fortunately most are found on post-flight inspections and are not even noticed by crews while flying. Until we can find a way to sanitize the airspace we fly in from birds, we will need to remain vigilant to the hazards birds pose to our flying operations.

**Catfish in the Alley:** The Columbus Cultural Heritage Foundation presents “Catfish in the Alley” tonight and tomorrow with historic walking tours and historic driving tours. For more information, call 329-1191 or (800) 920-3533.

**Public Administration at MUW:** The Mississippi University for Women’s Certificate in Public Administration prepares students with the knowledge, skills, and ability necessary to succeed in government and non-profit organizations. This program is open to all majors and requires a minimum of 15 hours of coursework. The courses are scheduled to be available in the evening, but online courses are being developed as well. For more information or to sign up with the certificate program, to the MUW website homepage at [www.muw.edu](http://www.muw.edu), click on the “Executive

Certification” icon and choose the “Public Administration” icon.

**MOAA Scholarship:** The Military Officer Association of America will award 25 grants of \$1,000 each for the 2009-2010 school year. Applicants must be the dependent child of an active duty member or a drilling reserve/national guard member, officer or enlisted, of the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, U.S. Public Health Services, or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Applicants must be a high school senior or college student who will be working on his or her first undergraduate degree and be under the age of 24. Applications can be made online at <http://www.moaa.org/education>. The deadline for online entry is March 2.

**Community Coffeehouse Concert:**

This event will be held Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. at the Columbus Country Club. The event will feature Christian Singer/Songwriter, Chas Lutz of Atlanta, Ga., and other local artists. This event is free with coffee, tea and dessert provided. This is a great opportunity to share love with the Palmer Home for Children. For more information, call Sherry Carlstrom at 889-8038.

**The Air Force Sergeants Association:** the Airmen Memorial Foundation, and the Chief Master Sergeants of the Air Force join together annually to conduct a scholarship program to financially assist the undergraduate studies of eligible, dependent children of Air Force active duty, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve Command enlisted members, and Air Force Sergeants Association members

in active, retired, or veteran status. To date, the AFSA Scholarship programs have granted \$1.5 million to dependents of the Air Force enlisted population. Dependent youth who have a grade point average of 3.5 of higher and a minimum combined SAT score of 1650 or minimum combined ACT score of 24 are encouraged to submit an application. More criteria and application package information available on the AFSA website: [www.hqafsa.org](http://www.hqafsa.org) All completed applications packets must be received at AFSA Headquarters no later than March 31, 2009. Incomplete packages are ineligible for the competition.

**For more information about local area events, e-mail [AFRC@columbus.af.mil](mailto:AFRC@columbus.af.mil) or call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 434-2790.**

## BARGAIN LINE

(731) 513-2727.

**For sale:** Boy’s clothes, 18 months-2T, women’s tops and jean size 14-16; Little Tykes car, \$25; Toddler toys. Call 425-3608.

**For sale:** Light mint-green prom dress, like new, size three, \$175. Call 494-6198 or 549-4286.

**For sale:** Solid wood by Lane five-drawer chest and matching nine-drawer dresser with twin mirrors, great condition, \$300; Dresser and chest, painted off-white, \$40; Two Queen Anne and tables and coffee table, \$65; Gold color Queen Anne recliner, \$100; Overstuffed large chair, \$75; Four patio chairs, need cushions, \$35; Three old wooden Coke crates, \$30; 16’ X 3.5’ Intel Easy Set pool, help empty and pack up; Craftsman belt sander1 HP, \$25; Craftsman 1.5 router with case and bits, \$50. Two sets of golf clubs, numerous drivers, putters, odd clubs, make offer. Call 356-4528.

### Transportation

**For sale:** 2004 Yamaha Breeze four wheeler, blue, 125cc, \$1,400. Call 889-3974.

**For sale:** 2006 Ford F-150 Lariat, sunroof, 20s, fully loaded, 38,000 miles, \$19,500 OBO; 2006 BMW K1200R, sport touring with 163 horses, loaded, \$10,500 OBO. Call (501) 773-4013.

**For sale:** 1997 Ford F-150, clean with silver trim, extra clean lari-

at,V8, automatic, 112,000 miles, \$6,450 OBO. Call 327-1205.

**For sale:** 2005 Honda CBR 600 RR, 1,593 miles, black with tribal stripes, good condition, \$5,800. Call (847) 863-6952.

### Homes

**For sale:** Lee Park, remodeled cottage-style home, 2,800 square

feet, wood floors, shaded lot, new exterior paint , \$189,000. Call 574-3218.

**For sale:** 4790 Ridge Road, Caledonia school district, extra large family room with fireplace, formal dining room, spacious bedrooms, nice landscaping and fenced yard, close to Columbus AFB. Call 240-0757.

**For sale:** 374 Chan Mar Drive,

Caledonia, custom home, four bedrooms, two bathrooms, bonus room, formals, 2,466 square feet on 2.8 acres, wired shop, \$295,700. Call 889-3974.

**For sale:** 16’ X 80’ 2005 Clayton trailer, all kitchen apparel, vinyl siding, shingle roof, like new condition, \$25,000, located in Starkville. Call (228) 326-0219 or (601) 916-0111.

## What is a creed?

The word **creed** is derived from the Latin credo for “I believe” and credimus for “we believe”. In simplest terms, a creed is a statement of belief. Our **Airman’s Creed** provides a tangible statement of beliefs which concisely puts into words the warfighting spirit which exists in Airmen past and present. It pinpoints the warrior ethos which is at the heart of every American Airman. It focuses us on the end results of our BLAZE mission.

I am an **American Airman**

Being an Airman isn’t unique—106 of the United Nations 194 member countries have an Air Force. However, being an **American Airman** is! “The mission of the United States Air Force is to fly, fight and win...in air, space and cyberspace.” Our new mission statement reflects our rich heritage and continuing commitment to provide decisive air and space power on behalf of national leaders and the Joint team. For example, it was **American Airmen** who provided over 100 fighter aircraft to the American skies in response to the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, and **American Airmen** just flew the 50,000th sortie for this operation June 8. Bottom line...Every 14th Flying Training Wing Airman is critical to our nation’s sovereignty!

## The Airman’s Creed

I am an American Airman.  
I am a Warrior.  
I have answered my nation’s call.

I am an American Airman.  
My mission is to fly, fight, and win.  
I am faithful to a proud heritage.  
A tradition of honor,  
And a legacy of valor.

I am an American Airman.  
Guardian of freedom and justice,  
My nation’s sword and shield,  
Its sentry and avenger.  
I defend my country with my life.

I am an American Airman.  
Wingman, leader, warrior.  
I will never leave and Airman behind.  
I will never falter,  
And I will not fail.



## Here’s a Sobering Thought



Even a little alcohol can affect your judgment, balance and coordination. The fact is, almost half of the riders who die in solo motorcycle crashes have been drinking. Play it safe. Don’t start drinking until you’ve finished riding.





# NASCAR driver gets flight of life

**Capt. Amy Bartholomew**  
Air Force Recruiting Service Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — NASCAR driver Reed Sorenson got the ride of his life in an F-15 Eagle as part of the Air Force's new partnership with Richard Petty Motorsports Jan. 23 at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.

The incentive flight piloted by Capt. Dustin Ripley of the 95th Fighter Squadron was part of an effort by Air Force Recruiting Service to prepare Mr. Sorenson for the 2009 NASCAR season and educate him on what it really means to be an Airman.

"Taking a ride in an Air Force jet is unlike any training I've done for NASCAR," Mr. Sorenson said. "I have great respect for the Air Force, and I'm honored to represent them in the No. 43 car."

The incentive flight was followed this week by a two-day visit to San Antonio where Mr. Sorenson met with Air Force trainees going through Basic Military Training and attended a graduation.

"We wanted Reed to learn about the Air Force firsthand, and there is no better way to do that than flying with an Air Force unit," said Col. Tim Hanson, the AFRS Strategic Communications Division director. "Reed and his crew chief, Mike Shiplett, met dozens of Airmen and talked about the similarities of launching a fighter mission or preparing a winning race car. Both take dedicated professionals and lots of teamwork. We are confident the experience helped give Reed and Mike a better understanding and appreciation for the Airmen they will represent on the track."

While at Tyndall AFB, Mr. Sorenson and his



U.S. Air Force photo/Master Sgt. Scott Reed  
**Airman 1st Class Dominique Robinson ensures the proper fit of an oxygen mask on Reed Sorenson Jan. 22 at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla. Mr. Sorenson, driver of Air Force sponsored No. 43 NASCAR, and his crew chief, Mike Shiplett, were at the base for incentive rides in an F-15 Eagle. Airman Robinson is a life support technician from the 95th Fighter Squadron at Tyndall AFB.**

crew chief were filmed for a series of webisodes in which the NASCAR men compare notes with Air Force pilots. The series, "Switching Seats," is set to debut on airforce.com in March 2009. This campaign, in addition to sponsorship agreements and all Air Force national advertising, is handled by Austin-based GSD&M Idea City.

In November 2008, the Air Force announced both a primary and associate sponsorship with Richard Petty Motorsports, formerly known as Gillett Evernham Motorsports, for the No. 43 car driven by Mr. Sorenson. As a primary sponsor, the car will feature the Air Force paint scheme in four of 38 NASCAR races this season.

The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds perform a fly-over during the singing of the National Anthem during Super Bowl XLIII Feb. 1, at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Fla.



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Bradley Lay

## Thunderbirds perform Super Bowl flyover

NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE, Nev. — The U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron Thunderbirds thrilled more than 70,000 spectators at Super Bowl XLIII by performing a flyover at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Fla., Feb. 1.

The contest which pitted the National Football League's Pittsburgh Steelers versus the Arizona Cardinals was seen by 86 million viewers worldwide as the America's Ambassador's in Blue opened the event in a six-ship Delta formation flyover following the national anthem sung by Academy Award winning singer Jennifer Hudson.

"We are very excited to be here in Tampa and represent the more than 700,000 men and women serving America's Air Force at home and abroad," said Capt. Jason McCree, Thunderbird public affairs officer. "We appreciate the opportunity to

display the pride and professionalism of all Airmen."

For 56 years, "America's Ambassadors in Blue," have inspired American's and captured the dreams of a nation by demonstrating the precision and training of active duty, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Airmen serving around the world.

The Thunderbirds are ramping up for their 2009 Show season, which begins March 21 at Luke AFB, Ariz. A Thunderbird demonstration consists of six Lockheed Martin F-16 Fighting Falcons performing aerial maneuvers at more than 400 miles per hour in formation as close as 18-inches apart. The four-aircraft, diamond formation demonstrates the training and precision of Air Force pilots, while the two solo pilots perform maneuvers highlighting the maximum capabilities of the F-16.

# Microsoft Vista Coming to Columbus AFB

**Maj. Leo Lawson**

Commander, 14th Communications Squadron

As many of the upgrades on the Air Force Network this year, the Office of Management and Budget memorandum M-07-11 has mandated that all Department of Defense standard desktop systems be upgraded to Microsoft Vista by Dec. 31, 2009.

Vista is an improvement to Microsoft's last operating system, Windows XP. Its improvements specifically include, an improved graphical user interface and visual style, improved searching features, redesigned networking, audio, print, and display sub-systems. Ultimately, Microsoft's primary objective with Windows Vista has been to improve the state of security in the operating system, something which was highly encouraged in the new system as it was said that Windows XP was extremely susceptible to malware, viruses, and vulnerabilities.

Having listed all of these improvements, users must realize that they need to be wary of potential compatibility issues that

may occur with the current software and peripherals they use. Older software that may not have been updated by its original manufacturer may have compatibility issues that need to be worked through. Additionally, some models of printers and scanners currently utilized on base may not function with the new operating system as well. In order to check if your software or peripheral devices (printers/scanners) are compatible, go to the manufacturer's website and see if those devices are compatible with Vista. If not, see if updated drivers are available. Please be wary of these same compatibility issues when purchasing new computer software/devices this year.

Factors which may challenge users whom are unfamiliar with the new operating system include getting used to the new look, feel, and organization of the system, which has changed dramatically in comparison to previous operating system updates. Statements similar to these have been made by users in the 14th Security Forces Squadron, the 14th Communications Squadron, and at the 14th Flying Training Wing Headquarters; units which already have the operating

system in use on their computers. Overall, users on base seem to be satisfied with the improvements evident with the system.

An additional plus included with this update is that it provides users an opportunity to consolidate their files from their hard drives, placing all pertinent information in the Electronic Records Management file plan. This will be required in order to ensure that users do not lose any important information from their old system since the upgrade will require the hard drive to be "wiped".

Lastly, please note that some computers will receive additional RAM or a new hard drive so they can handle the new operating system, while some computers will have to be replaced altogether. In order to comply with the above mentioned DoD directive, the 14th CS at Columbus AFB is responsible for completing the task of making the entire base Microsoft Vista compliant no later than Dec. 31, 2009. Be on the lookout for communications in your squadron making this improvement to your computer!

## Volunteers needed for Women's History Month

The Women's History Month committee is seeking energetic volunteers (male or female) to assist in the development, organization and execution of Women's History Month 2009. If interested please contact Staff Sgt. Latrice Harris (chairperson) or Tonya Noble (co-chair) via email or at 434-1161.

## Crews Into Shape Challenge

**Jenelle Robinson**

14th Medical Operations Squadron

The Crews Into Shape challenge, held every March in conjunction with National Nutrition Month, is sponsored annually by the Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center. This competitive health program is a four-week challenge where participants are challenged to eat at least five servings of fruits or veggies a day, exercise at least 30 minutes a day, drink more water, and achieve their weight loss goals. Participants will submit this information weekly for points. Top scoring teams win t-shirts. The goal of this program is to spark and guide

workplace-focused, team-oriented, physical activity and improved nutrition among the whole Department of Defense family.

The ninth annual challenge runs from March 1 through March 28. The Columbus AFB Health and Wellness Center will sponsor a team who will "soar" Into Shape with this program. We will be competing against other military base teams, so your support for this competition is greatly needed. Feb. 28 is the deadline to register for this program. If you would like to participate as a member of the Columbus AFB team, or for more information, e-mail Jenelle.robinson.ctr@columbus.af.mil, or call 434-2236.

## Sports Shorts

**Fitness Classes:** The Fitness Center offers fitness classes. Spin classes are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays beginning at 7 a.m. Cardio kick boxing classes are Mondays and Wednesdays at 5 p.m. and aerobics is offered Saturdays at 9 a.m. For more information, call the Fitness Center at 434-2772.

**Lunch, Bowl Special:** Receive two free games of bowling from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with the purchase of a combo meal during lunch.

**Cosmic Bowling:** Cosmic bowling is every Friday and Saturday from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Cost is \$2 per game. The night is complete with black lights, loud music, strobe lights and bowling!

## Tuesday Intramural Basketball Scores

**Game One:**

14th OSS VS. 14th MSG Bombers

The 14th OSS defeated the 14th MSG Bombers

with a score of 56-42

<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thur</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat/Sun</u>
<b>9</b>  Black History Luncheon 11:30 a.m.  Sports Banquet @ Club	<b>10</b>  OSC Wine Tasting 6 p.m. @ Club	<b>11</b>  09-13 Track Select  BLAZE Lunch Bunch 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. @ Club	<b>12</b>  Daedalians Sweetheart Dinner @ Club	<b>13</b>  09-05 Graduation	<b>14/15</b>  BLAZE Race (14th)
<b>16</b>  President's Day Holiday	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  BLAZE Lunch Bunch 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. @ Club	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21/22</b>

### Long Term Events

Feb. 23-27 - Night Flying Week  
Feb. 27 - 09-06 Assignment Night

Mar. 2-6 - AETC/CC/CCC Conference

Mar. 10 - 09-14 Track Select

Mar. 10 - OSC Social

## Reporting Sexual Assault



There are three different methods people can use to report sexual assault. It's vital you know the difference!

**1. Unrestricted**

- ◆ Sexual Assault Response Coordinator is contacted and victim receives medical care
- ◆ Chain of Command, Office of Special Investigation and Law Enforcement are notified immediately
- ◆ Investigation initiated

**2. Restricted**

- ◆ Sexual Assault Response Coordinator is contacted and victim receives medical care
- ◆ Chain of Command, Office of Special Investigations and Law Enforcement are not notified
- ◆ SARC Victim Advocate provides supportive services for victim

**3. Independent**

- ◆ Third-party reporting is an inherent responsibility of all military personnel. If you tell anyone who subsequently notifies OSI or Law Enforcement, or if someone observes the assault and notifies Law Enforcement, an investigation may be launched. This can occur in conjunction with or regardless of restricted reporting.

**If Law Enforcement is contacted, the report is automatically unrestricted.**

Call the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator at  
Office: (862) 434-2875 or (862) 434-1130 Cell: (862) 389-0811  
24/7 On-Call Hotline: (862) 364-0922



## Security clearances, fingerprints

The 14th Security Forces Squadron conducts security clearances and fingerprinting by appointment only. Exceptions will be made for deployers only. Call 434-2413 or 434-2603 for appointment times or for more information.

## MTI shortage at BMT

**Master Sgt. John Berube**

14th Force Support Squadron

Basic Military Training is facing a severe shortage of Military Training Instructors. The influx of new Airmen entering the Air Force and recent BMT program expansion to eight and a half weeks equals more trainees are in the BMT pipeline at any given time, thus requiring additional instructors. More than 200 MTIs are needed to fully man BMT and 138 are needed just to get manning levels to 85 percent. Leadership at all levels is evaluating several options to alleviate these shortages.

Intense recruiting efforts are being employed. MTI Recruiting Teams are and will continue to visit bases in order to educate Airmen on the MTI special duty requirements and benefits in an effort to recruit more volunteers.

In addition, Career Assistance Advisors worldwide are being asked to assist in spreading the word and help in the recruiting efforts. If you have questions regarding MTI duty or are interested in applying, please contact your Career Assistance Advisor, Master Sgt. John Berube, 14th Force Support Squadron, at 434-7004.



## January enlisted promotions



U.S. Air Force photo by Melissa Duncan

The 14th Flying Training Wing congratulates the January enlisted promotees. Pictured are: to Airman: Adam Woosley, 14th Comptroller-Contracting Squadron (Provisional); to Senior Airman: Bryant Johnson, 14th Medical Support Squadron; Chris Koutsovalas, 14th Security Forces Squadron; Kristine Lessman, 14th Medical Operations Squadron; James Lucarz, 14th SFS; 14th MDOS; 14th MDOS; 14th MDSS.

### 14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 55 BLAZE TEAM members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



### Remember:

No cell phones while driving on Columbus AFB. It can save lives.



### Base Community Council

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revisions last year encouraged board members from the surrounding counties.

Mr. Stewart also chartered several working committees and solicited volunteers to fill them. An Activities Committee will organize BCC meetings and special events such as golf and skeet tournaments, base tours, arrange speakers.

The Social Committee executes BCC meetings and special events, including soliciting volunteers and then managing all the pieces to execute an event from collecting money to clean up.

The Communications Committee will assist the President and executive board in communicating to the BCC membership utilizing all appropriate methods including e-mail, text messaging, and web site(s) and traditional mailings.

Colonel Watkins provided the group with a brief synopsis of the construction projects currently underway. The privatized housing is progressing well with the

first of 145 newly constructed homes could be completed late spring, weather permitting. 106 older homes in Capitol Housing area are being renovated and could be completed this spring as well.

Columbus AFB will also begin construction of new gate facilities at both the Main gate and the South gate. The new facilities will meet newer force protection standards required since Sept. 11. The South gate traffic will be re-routed temporarily when construction requires the road to be closed, tentatively beginning in March. The temporary gate will only allow single vehicles, no larger trucks, vehicles with trailers or busses.

Colonel Watkins finished with officially announcing Columbus AFB will not hold an air show this year. He also thanked the members for showing an interest in the base. "The newly invigorated Base Community Council is an important communication conduit from the base to the members that live in the Golden Triangle area back to the base," noted Col. Watkins. "Thank you for being a part of the BCC."

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